



**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION  
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

APPELLANT: Mark Simonides  
DOCKET NO.: 10-33171.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 07-33-105-031-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mark Simonides, the appellant, by attorney Stephanie Park of Park & Longstreet, P.C. in Rolling Meadows; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds a reduction in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$1,920  
**IMPR.:** \$16,611  
**TOTAL:** \$18,531

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2010 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

**Findings of Fact**

The subject property consists of a two-story townhouse of frame construction. The dwelling is approximately 21 years old and has 1,065 square feet of living area. Features of the home

include a concrete slab foundation, central air conditioning and a one-car garage. The property has a 2,134 square foot site and is located in Schaumburg, Schaumburg Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-95 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation and assessment inequity as the bases of the appeal. In support of the overvaluation argument, the appellant submitted four comparable sales. These comparables sold from July 2008 to October 2009 for prices that ranged from \$176,500 to \$187,990 or from \$139.42 to \$175.59 per square foot of living area, land included. In support of the inequity argument, the appellant submitted information on 12 equity comparables. Based on the evidence submitted, the appellant requested that the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$14,455.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$19,067. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$190,670 or \$179.03 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 10% ordinance level of assessment for Class 2 residential property in Cook County. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparables to demonstrate the subject was equitably assessed.

The appellant's attorney submitted a rebuttal brief.

#### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record to be the appellant's comparable sales #3 and #4. These comparables were most similar to the subject in living area and were also identical to the subject in age. These comparables sold in July 2008 for prices of \$173.71 and \$175.59 per square

foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$179.03 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the market value established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is justified.

Based on the reduction granted in the market value finding, the Board finds a further reduction in the subject's assessment based on assessment inequity is not warranted.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.

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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: May 22, 2015



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Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.